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THIRTY-FOUR states have adopted the Australian system of balloting.

GREAT BRITAIN'S appropriation for the World's fair is \$300,000 and that of France \$675,500.

CHAS. REED, the attorney who defended the assassin, Guitau, died in Baltimore last week.

The Southwest Missouri Press Association meets at Neosho to-day and will continue three days.

The high water mark of cattle receipts at Chicago was passed last Monday, when nearly 33,000 arrived there.

RUMORS have it that Jay Gould is to leave the directory of the Union Pacific railroad and thereby lose control of that system.

IF the immortal seventy get eighty acres each of Strip land, and the government deducts \$1.12 for each of the seventy, what will the people get?

Col. John Sobieski of Neosho was nominated for governor of the state of Missouri by the prohibition State convention, which met at Chillicothe Tuesday, April 12th.

THE bill to compel all railroads in Ohio to issue 1000 mile tickets at the rate of two cent per mile was defeated in the upper branch of the Ohio legislature last week by a majority of one.

The electoral college of 1892 will be composed of 444 members. There will be 356 representatives in the next house. The basis of representation is one member for each 173,000 of population, or a majority fraction thereof.

IT goes without saying that this country has a great future, and that its present conditions are subject to change. No effort should be spared to see that these necessary and inevitable changes should be made to the advantage of the Cherokees.

THE committee on Indian affairs, to whom was referred the message of the president relating to the act to pay the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians for the land formerly occupied by the Cheyennes and Arapahoes, has made a report favorable to the payment of the money.

THERE is said to be a strong probability that before the adjournment of the present session, congress will pass the act providing for an appeal from the Indian courts to the superior courts of the United States. This will give our local courts a standing they have not heretofore enjoyed.

CHIEF HARRIS has written letters of instruction to the sheriffs of the several districts directing them to report all violations of the cattle law now in force to the solicitors who will be instructed to commence prosecutions. They were also instructed to receive no cattle that have been seized by non-citizens. The letter further states that the law of 1883 is still in force.

IF the time spent by the farmers of the surrounding country in pulling through the bad roads to town could be expended on their crops it would no doubt be worth a great deal. A large part of the entire time of country people is devoted to hauling to and from town. Sometimes even a fluctuation in the price of many articles of necessity is caused by the impossibility of the roads.

THE Shawnees, in their recent payment, drew the line at Cherokee or Delaware blood, and did not allow those Shawnee children that are mixed with Cherokee or Delaware to draw their per capita. This is somewhat remarkable in view of the fact that they have sued the Cherokee nation for a similar offense, only the Cherokees allowed all that had Cherokee blood to draw. When their case is brought up in the court of claims it will certainly have a very complicated appearance.

AS SPRING comes so does the agent, calling on the farmer, wanting to dispose of his "wares" of every conceivable kind. He has his speech ready and is willing to speak it to every farmer and business man he meets, when he thinks there is the least possible chance to make a sale. He tells of the scarcity of the article he wishes to sell and the prospect of its being higher in a short time. Also of the superior quality of the "wares" he is selling, which cannot be duplicated the world over. All this information is generally confidential, for he would not have other people know how cheap he is selling to you. Look out for the agent, for his ways are devious.

HUMAN LIFE SECONDARY.

The tragic death on the gallows at Tahlequah a few days ago of John Weren, an ignorant full-blood of whose guilt there is probably no doubt in the world, recalls a fact to all those who stop to think that to be punished for a violation of our laws, however flagrant that violation may be, is the exception rather than the rule under our system. In the meeting out of justice to this poor Indian even to the extreme limit of taking his life in satisfaction and vindication of the law, we are brought face to face with the fact that nine-tenths of the violators of the law go "scot free." If a law is enacted that infringes upon the rights (or the business rather) of those who are monopolizing the greater part of this country, they at once very diligently set to work to evade or defeat the ends for which it was enacted. How many thousands acres of the fertile lands of the Cherokee nation are in the hands of foreigners and non-citizens, in open violation of law, having been leased to them in large tracts by citizens in the very face of the law? Thousands and thousands of acres are being unloaded and turned loose so near the border that they will drift over and graze the whole season upon Cherokee grass; this too, in violation of one of the most recently enacted laws of the country. The enforcement of the law which called upon John Weren to give up his life upon the gallows did not happen to touch the pockets or interfere in any way with the plans of those who see fit to use the country for their own aggrandizement, and who care nothing for the government, its laws, nor its people, any further than to make money out of them. But this incident is only one of the many signs of the times. It shows the drift. It shows that the people are getting more and more to disregard the law, that national pride and patriotism are at a dangerously low ebb, and that the common people who should be the strong arm of the Cherokee government are not "in it." What is the remedy? Manifestly there is but one remedy and that is to individualize the title to the land; place every man in a position to know what his rights are and enable him as an individual citizen, having rights peculiar to himself, to defend those rights. That which is everybody's business is nobody's business. As long as the land is held in common the laws will be violated without let or hindrance, because no man can defend his individual rights from invasion by those who are stronger financially than himself, under a system where the lands are held in common. A man's rights, as generally construed in the Cherokee nation at present, are only limited by his finances.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

First Party Organization in the Cherokee Nation.

Adopting the suggestion of the Lincoln club of Ardmore, I. T., concerning electing delegates to the McAllister convention for May 23, 1892, the republicans residing in and contiguous to Vinita met pursuant to said call at the court house at Vinita, on April 23rd, and after formal organization by placing W. H. Butler, of Miami, in the chair, and W. W. Ward, of Vinita, as secretary, among other preliminary work the following delegates were chosen to attend said convention.

D. W. Bushyhead, George Warren, T. S. Beaman, Wm. W. Ward, John Taylor, James McClint, J. H. Bartles, T. A. Chandler, Wm. McGoy, G. W. Green, Wm. C. Wright, Geo. A. Armstrong, W. H. Tibbitts, Ed. Shanahan, W. M. Smith.

Each delegate empowered to name his own alternate in case he cannot personally attend the convention, and that the delegates present cast the vote of the delegation.

It was further moved and carried that the chair appoint, upon the recommendation of the house, a committee consisting of five members to be known as the Republican Central Committee of the Cherokee nation, whereupon the chair appointed the following named gentlemen: W. H. Tibbitts, chairman, W. H. Marker, Isaac McCullum, Vinita; John M. Taylor, Jr., Claremore; Daniel Newby, Blue Jacket.

THE SPRING ROUND-UP.

Arrangements Fully Made.—Details of the Work.

At the Claremore meeting, held on the 20th, the following programme for the work was arranged:

East of the Verdigris, begin at Gibson Station May 10th; work the pastures in the Creek nation.

Work No. 1, Jno. Franklin, captain, west side of Grand river to M. K. & T. track, to Skinner's ranch on Pawpaw.

No. 2, Blue Starr, captain; commence at Wagoner; work up between M. K. & T. and the Valley roads to Dog Creek hills and to Skinner's ranch on Pawpaw.

No. 3, James M. Taylor, captain; commence at Bull Creek, work between Verdigris river and Dog Creek hills to Alluwe.

No. 4, Alf Cunningham, captain; takes outfit to Kansas line between Big Cabin and Verdigris.

L. W. Marks works country between Big Cabin, Grand river and Kansas line. Will take lists of all brands and gather all cattle in said brands, free of charge, in return for cattle belonging to this section being gathered in balance of the country.

On west side of the Verdigris the work commences at Wybark, in the Creek nation, on the 15th of May, with Jim Todd as captain. Work from there to Halls' ranch on Horse Pen creek; there separate, with John Lippe as captain; cross Caney at Carter's store and work up the east side of the O. H. ranch.

The number one outfit works up the Osage line to Bartlesville and meets the other at O. H. ranch. Then work together from there to mouth of Caney on west side of Verdigris.

Resolutions were passed against gambling, drinking and all neglect of duty, and the captains were given full power to enforce this order.

A resolution was also unanimously adopted in opposition to unloading any cattle in the Cherokee nation contrary to the existing quarantine law.

Prof. R. J. Downing delivered a lecture Monday night at the Methodist church on the "Horror of Drunkenness" to a large and appreciative audience. Many who were present have had considerable experience with the subject and all agreed that the professor is a true delineator and familiar with the different phases of dipsomania. We have no doubt but that M. R. Downing will accomplish great good on the lecture platform, and we wish him every success.—Baxter News.

He had better, before starting, apply to the clerk of the U. S. supreme court for a duplicate certificate of admission to that bar, to be indorsed, "original worn out by exhibiting on every occasion."

Parties have secured leases on the Prophet land in the Indian Territory, near here west, and we understand that prospecting will soon be resumed. Excellent shiner have already been found. The Miner and Mechanic at Neosho has been sold to a joint stock company, H. J. & C. E. Curcio, the former owners, retaining a little more than a third interest. Lee D. Bell is one of the largest share-holders, and will take the position of editor, while C. E. Curcio will devote his entire time to the mechanical department. The Curcios have enlarged the office building to a handsome two-story brick and the post office will probably be put in below. The change will be a good one all round.—Seneca Dispatch.

The old Indian spirit is very strong in the breast of a Cheyenne, Maggie, who, the soldiers say, was formerly the most mischievous of the whole tribe. He is a fine looking Indian, and has obtained the name of "The Dude" because of the care he takes of his personal appearance. He wears the scar of a saber cut across his chin and has the white man. He has taken his allotment among the red hills because, as he told Captain Woodson, it was in a place where the white men would never care to go.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

Great Britain has added £35,000 to its World's Fair appropriation, making it now £260,000 or approximately \$300,000.

In the Government exhibit will appear all the relics, which are obtainable, of various Arctic exploring expeditions.

Arguments for and against Sunday opening of the Exposition will be heard by the National Commission on October 6.

The American Bible Society will make an exhibit in which will appear copies of bibles in more than 200 different languages.

Applications for space in the Exposition building now aggregate more than 4,000,000 square feet, a little over one-third being from foreign applicants.

In the California building will be shown a growing specimen of every California domestic flower obtainable, and also paintings, in water and oil, of 600 wild flowers and grasses.

NOTICE.—Whereas my husband, John L. Conley, has deserted me without cause or provocation, all persons are hereby notified that I will not pay any bills, accounts or notes which he may have made prior to March 25, 1892, which he may make hereafter.

COMPTROLLER'S CERTIFICATE, Authorizing The First National Bank of Vinita to Commence Business.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that "The First National Bank of Vinita," in the town of Vinita, in Cherokee nation, Indian Territory, has complied with all the provisions of the statutes of the United States required to be complied with in the organization of a national bank, and

A young lad, son of the editor of the Florida Standard, is making, for exhibition at the Fair, a table upon which appears an inland map of the state, each county being accurately represented by a separate piece of native Florida wood.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of James W. Armstrong, deceased, were granted by the undersigned by the Honorable James M. Blackburn, Judge of the United States court within the First Judicial Division of the Indian Territory, dated April 1, A. D. 1892.

Now therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them, properly authenticated for allowance, to the administrator, within one year after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit in said estate, and such claims as are not exhibited within two years from the date of said letters, shall be forever barred and precluded from any benefit from said estate.

SILAS M. ARMSTRONG, Administrator of the estate of James W. Armstrong, deceased.

Dated April 1, A. D. 1892.
W. H. Tibbitts, attorney for administrator.

FOUND—BARBED WIRE.
The undersigned has ten bales of barbed wire, in his possession, found in a hollow ten miles west of Vinita. Owner can have same by proving same, and receiving notice on April 6th.

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